



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

San Bernardino, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of San Bernardino was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. San Bernardino (population 204,552) is located in a valley south of the San Bernardino Mountains in southern California. Over the last 30 years, the city has experienced many economic hardships. The area was hurt by the closure of a nearby military base and steel mill, the relocation of a major railway maintenance yard, and other economic factors. The percentage of individuals living in poverty is 28.1 percent, and the median income is well below the national average. Brownfields assessments are expected to catalyze cleanup of abandoned properties, making them available for redevelopment.



Assessment Grants



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of San Bernardino for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to 10 Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop an inventory of sites and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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